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SAN JOSE DIVISION**

IN RE IPHONE APPLICATION LITIG.

) CASE NO. 5:11-MD-02250-LHK
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The Honorable Lucy H. Koh
)
DECLARATION OF MANUEL EGELE IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
CLASS CERTIFICATION

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1 1. I, Manuel Egele, declare as follows: I am Manuel Egele, Dr. techn. (equiv.
2 PhD). Currently, I am a post-doctoral researcher at Carnegie Mellon University. I submit this
3 declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification in this matter. I am familiar
4 with and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this declaration and if called upon
5 to do so, could and would testify competently thereto, except where my knowledge is based
6 upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I understand and believe them to be true.

7 **A. Overview of opinions**

8 2. I was asked to give my opinion regarding the effect on the iPhone user population
9 of certain technology features of iPhones and software that interacts with iPhones includ-
10 ing transmittal of user and geo-location information to Apple and/or other parties.

11 3. It is my overall opinion that Apple does not implement reasonable and effective
12 mechanisms that protect the privacy of iDevice users. My research shows that the majority of
13 third-party applications access and transmit privacy sensitive information to other Internet-
14 connected devices (e.g., servers).

15 4. Instead of providing effective technical privacy preserving alternatives, Apple
16 relies on the program license agreement (PLA) to safeguard privacy sensitive information from
17 the data-stores of third-party application developers. While the app review process seems to be
18 reasonably effective in preventing destructive applications from entering the app store, access
19 and transmission of privacy sensitive data by third-party applications is commonplace and is
20 only barely subjected to enforcement by Apple.

21 5. Because Apple does not enforce reasonable privacy measures in the application
22 review process, iDevice users cannot expect their privacy being safeguarded from privacy-
23 invading third-party applications. The alternative for privacy-aware users would be to assess
24 themselves whether applications pose a privacy risk. However, regular users do not possess the
25 skills and knowledge that is necessary to perform such analyses. Furthermore, Apple does not
26 expose the necessary information for users to make educated decisions with respect to privacy
27 considerations.

1 6. By finally deprecating the use of the UDID in iOS 5 Apple seemed on the right
2 track to regain user's confidence in Apple's commitment towards their privacy. Unfortunately,
3 Apple implemented the new advertisingIdentifier in iOS 6, knowing that it has the very same
4 adverse effects on privacy as the deprecated UDID system.

5 7. Furthermore, by not distinguishing between library code and application code,
6 Apple enables advertisers and marketers to make use of privileged system resources (e.g., loca-
7 tion information). These activities consume energy and thus reduce the time until a recharge is
8 necessary, as well as the overall lifetime of the battery. Additionally, auxiliary data transmis-
9 sions that are not explicitly authorized by the user still consume bandwidth.

10 **B. Qualifications**

11 8. My highest academic title is Dr. techn., the Austrian equivalent to a PhD. Fur-
12 thermore I hold a Dipl.-Ing., the Austrian equivalent to a Master's degree. I earned both de-
13 grees at the Vienna University of Technology in the years 2006 and 2011 respectively.

14 9. I have been active in the field of system security since 2005. My expertise in-
15 cludes static and dynamic analysis of mobile and desktop applications, web-security, and priva-
16 cy considerations in mobile systems and online social networks.

17 10. I have been the lead author and researcher of multiple peer reviewed scientific
18 articles, including PiOS [1], a static analysis system that detects privacy violations in third-
19 party iOS applications. I was honored to receive a distinguished paper award for the research
20 that lead to the PiOS system. (See also section D.) Beyond PiOS I published several other pa-
21 pers on mobile and systems security topics.

22 11. I was the co-author of a successful research grant proposal, "DarkDroid: Expos-
23 ing the Dark Side of Android Marketplaces." This resulted in the award of a US\$ 2.5M grant
24 funded by Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) for research starting Janu-
25 ary 2012.

26 12. My full curriculum vitae is attached and lists additional qualifications, as well as
27 all scientific publications I authored in the last ten years.

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C. Application life-cycle

2 13. This section is intended to cover the life-cycle of an application. I will explain
3 the steps leading from the creation (i.e., writing the source code) of an application to the execu-
4 tion by the Apple iOS device to the best of my understanding. Furthermore, I will cover neces-
5 sary background materials as they are prerequisites to understand any opinions contained in this
6 document.

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1. Functions and APIs

8 14. Functions in programs are abstraction mechanisms that allow the developer to
9 reuse the same functionality in different contexts without duplicating the code. A function has a
10 name, a return value, a set of formal parameters, and a function body implementing the func-
11 tionality. A function declaration (or prototype), consists of the same information but omitting
12 the implementation. Thus, for a programmer to make use of a function, the declaration provides
13 all the information needed. That is, the concrete implementation of a function is abstracted.

14 15. The declaration describes an interface the developer can rely on to make use of
15 the function. For example, the function (`add`) implementing the addition of two integers (`x` and
16 `y`) can be declared as:

17

```
int add (int x, int y);
```

18 This can be interpreted as there is a function with the name `add`, this function returns a result of
19 type `int`. Furthermore, the function receives two arguments (or parameters). Both arguments are
20 of type `int`, one will be known under the name `x` the other as `y`. Of course, the trivial implemen-
21 tation of `add` is as follows:

22

```
int add(int x, int y) { return x + y; }
```

23 That is, the function `add` will take the first argument `x` and add it to the second argument `y`.
24 Then `add` will return the result of this computation as its result.

25 16. Functions, with related functionality are commonly combined into modules or
26 libraries. For example, together with the above mentioned `add` function, we can analogously de-
27 fine the remaining three basic arithmetic operations as `sub`, `mul`, and `div`.

1 17. Commonly, function definitions are collected in separate so-called header files.
2 The reason is that the declarations alone are sufficient for a developer to make use of functions,
3 while the concrete implementations can be distributed in binary only form (i.e., without source
4 code). That is, a developer can write code that makes use of functions by only knowing the dec-
5 larations. Of course, the implementation of the functions (commonly contained in libraries)
6 need to be present when the code is executed.

7 18. Furthermore, logically coherent function declarations and implementations are
8 commonly combined into so-called *Application Programming Interfaces* (APIs). Our above
9 example can therefore implement a basic arithmetic operations API. Similarly, APIs that pro-
10 vide functionality such as network communication, file system access, or html rendering (i.e.,
11 the display of a website) are commonly available on modern systems, including Windows, OS
12 X, and iOS.

13 19. Apple combines such APIs with additional resources, such as images or configu-
14 ration settings into so-called *frameworks*. A non-exhaustive list of frameworks available on all
15 iOS devices contains, for example, the *CoreLocation* framework which provides functionality
16 that allows an application to obtain the current position of the device. The *UIKit* framework
17 provides access to a variety of device relevant information, such as a unique device identifier
18 (UDID). As a last example I want to mention the *AddressBook* framework which provides
19 functionality to read, write, and modify contents stored in the device's address book.

20 20. It appears that the APIs Apple documents on its developer website ¹ are those
21 that third party developers are allowed to make use of when creating iOS applications. Howev-
22 er, additional restrictions might apply such as those set forth in the program licensing agree-
23 ment as discussed later on in this document.

24 2. *General iOS and iDevice system information*

25 21. Apple iOS is the operating system that Apple installs on their iPhone, iPad, and
26 iPod touch mobile devices (i.e., iDevices). In fact, iOS is the only Apple sanctioned operating

28 1 <http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/>

1 system supported on iDevices, and iDevices are the only devices that support iOS. Thus, iOS
2 and iDevices are always encountered together.

3 22. The iDevices themselves contain CPUs that implement different versions of the
4 ARM instruction set architecture. The iOS operating system is a Unix style system that shares
5 code and/or functionality with Apple's Darwin kernel. Furthermore, all iOS devices contain the
6 so-called Objective-C runtime which provides support functions and data structures needed by
7 all applications installed on such iDevices.

8 23. The operating system manages the hardware resources (e.g., the wireless net-
9 work interface or internal storage) and provides standardized interfaces for applications to
10 communicate with these resources (e.g., open a connection to a remote host that is reachable on
11 the Internet, or permanently store a file to internal storage).

12 24. Furthermore, it is the operating system's responsibility to provide strong isola-
13 tion between different applications. It is this isolation mechanism that prevents a potentially
14 malicious application from accessing sensitive information managed by another application
15 (e.g., a user password). Many other security mechanisms are also built into the operating sys-
16 tem.

17 25. It is worth noting that due to the privileged nature of the operating system, no
18 application can access hardware directly. All accesses to hardware resources are without excep-
19 tion mediated by the operating system.

20 **3. *iOS updates and supported hardware***

21 26. Apple releases from time to time updated versions of their iOS operating sys-
22 tem. However, these updates are only made available for devices that fulfill the hardware re-
23 quirements inherent to the iOS version. That is, devices whose hardware is not powerful
24 enough to run the latest version of iOS, cannot be updated. Their users, thus, cannot benefit
25 from the changes and improvements of that iOS version. For example, it is my understanding
26 that the current (as of this writing) iOS version 6 cannot be installed on iPhone 3 devices. How-
27 ever, whenever Apple releases an update to iOS, users with supported devices can install this

1 version seamlessly via iTunes or in more recent iOS versions wirelessly. Regular users can on-
2 ly install the publicly released versions of iOS.

3 ***4. The software development kit***

4 27. To facilitate the creation of third-party applications, Apple distributes the iOS
5 Software Development Kit (SDK). The SDK contains resources needed to author and test ap-
6 plications that can be executed on iDevices. Among other resources the SDK includes all
7 frameworks (see C.1) that the developer can expect to be present on the target iOS device.

8 28. To the best of my knowledge Apple releases an updated version of the SDK
9 with each version of iOS. Thus, there is a correspondence between iOS and SDK version.

10 29. Furthermore, the iOS SDK contains not only the latest versions of frameworks
11 but also a series of older versions that correspond to previous iOS versions. This allows the de-
12 veloper to create applications that are backwards compatible with older version of iOS.

13 ***5. Writing an iOS application (app)***

14 30. A developer who wishes to create an iOS application (app) starts her endeavor
15 by obtaining an Apple computer and the XCode development environment. XCode can be
16 downloaded free of charge from the Apple website. Subsequently, the developer downloads, al-
17 so free of charge, the iOS SDK from the Apple website. Once installed the developer can au-
18 thor iOS applications at will.

19 31. I will now illustrate how a developer accesses different kinds of user or device
20 data.

21 a. **Unique device identifier (UDID)**

22 The UDID is a string of 40 hexadecimal characters that uniquely identifies any
23 iOS device. Furthermore, the UDID is constant, and thus cannot be changed or altered
24 by the user of the device. Therefore, the UDID can be used to uniquely identify a given
25 device during its lifetime. A developer accesses the UDID by adding the following code
26 into her application.

27

```
UDID = [[UIDevice currentDevice] uniqueIdentifier];
```

More precisely, the developer calls functionality in the above-mentioned *UIKit* framework which is installed by default on all iOS devices. The developer can now make use of the UDID as she wishes. For example, she can provide account-less login to a web-service that works in tandem with the application. Alternatively, or additionally, the developer is at liberty to also transmit this information to a server that she manages to aggregate an application usage profile. For example, if this code is included in the startup code of an application, the developer can track the date, time, and UDID of devices on which her application is launched.

According to Apple documentation² the UDID property first appeared with iOS 2.0 and was deprecated with iOS version 5.0. Note that deprecating an API or property does not mean it is no longer available, it merely indicates that developers should refrain from using it as it will probably go away in the future.

b. Current location information

As opposed to the UDID, an application cannot directly retrieve the current location. Instead the application asks the CoreLocation framework to be informed of the current position. To this end, the application creates a so-called location-manager (i.e., an object of type `CLLocationManager`) and invokes the `startUpdatingLocation` method to be notified of the current location or location changes. The CoreLocation framework then obtains the current location with the help of the operating system. If necessary the GPS receiver is activated to obtain the current geo-location. Alternatively, CoreLocation can also obtain a coarser-grained location from a variety of sources such as the mobile operator cell-id to which the phone is currently connected to, or wireless network information. Once CoreLocation obtained the required information it will relay this information to the above-mentioned location-manager by invoking its `location-`

²http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/#documentation/UIKit/Reference/UIDevice_Class/DeprecationAppendix/AppendixADeprecatedAPI.html#/apple_ref/occ/instp/UIDevice/uniqueIdentifier

1 Manager:**didUpdateLocations:** method. Prior to iOS 6 CoreLocation would
2 instead call **locationManager:didUpdateToLocation:fromLocation:**.

3 c. Address book contents

4 The developer can copy the contents of the address book by adding the follow-
5 ing code to the program.

```
6 ABAddressBookRef addressBook =  
7 ABAddressBookCreate();  
8 NSArray *people = (NSArray *)  
9 ABAddressBookCopyArrayOfAllPeople(addressBook);
```

10 Until iOS 6 access to the address book was not mediated at all. That is, every
11 application was able to copy the address book without the user noticing. With iOS 6
12 Apple changed this privacy nightmare by mandating from developers that the user is in-
13 formed about such accesses (via an authorization dialog) and user-consent is obtained.

14 32. While the developer authors the application's source code in simple text files,
15 this is not directly executed by the iOS device. The CPU in an iOS device only understands bi-
16 nary data that conforms to the ARM instruction set. Therefore, the developer will make use of a
17 compiler to translate her source code into the binary machine code that can be executed on the
18 device. This compilation entails a series of consequences that become relevant for the applica-
19 tion review process that we will discuss next.

20 *6. Submitting an app for review & the review process*

21 33. Once a developer deems her application fit for use by the general public, she
22 submits it for review to the Apple app store. However, prior to submission the developer needs
23 to register with Apple. To this end, she pays the US\$ 99 annual fee and agrees to the so-called
24 iOS developer program license agreement (PLA).

25 34. The PLA, among other things, sets forth a set of rules that third-party developers
26 have to abide by before they can have their applications published on the app store.

1 35. The PLA has been heavily revised by Apple over time. However, historically a
2 section titled “User Interface, Data Collection, Local Laws and Privacy” regulates how applica-
3 tions can make use of user and device data.

4 36. Once the developer paid the fee and agreed to the PLA she can obtain crypto-
5 graphic signing keys from Apple. Before submitting an application for review the developer
6 signs the application with those keys. This allows Apple to verify that the application was sub-
7 mitted by the developer in question and not some other unrelated party.

8 37. Subsequently, the application will go through the application review process.
9 Unfortunately, the details of this process are one of the best kept secrets in the iOS ecosystem.
10 However, technically there are two broad classes of analyses that Apple can perform on an ap-
11 plication during this process.

12 38. First, *dynamic analysis* refers to all techniques that monitor the effects of an ap-
13 plication during execution. For example, capturing and analyzing the network traffic an appli-
14 cation is producing is considered dynamic analysis.

15 39. Second, *static analysis* techniques are those that reason about the application
16 without actually executing it. For example, analyzing all API calls an application can make is
17 only possible statically. Forensic analysis inspects the static artifacts of system execution and
18 thus can be classified as static analysis.

19 40. However, when using the above-mentioned network traffic example again, we
20 have to assert the following: Because the transmission of data over the network does not leave
21 forensic evidence on the iDevice’s file-system, forensic analysis of the file-system is not an ad-
22 equate method to assess what data if any was transmitted.

23 41. That said, both, static and dynamic analysis techniques have advantages and dis-
24 advantages. One of the purposes of the application review process is to assess whether an ap-
25 plication adheres to the rules set forth in the program license agreement (PLA). Should the ap-
26 plication violate any of the rules, Apple will notify the developer of the identified issue and the
27 developer can modify the application and resubmit a modified version.

1 42. If the application passes the review process it will be made available on the app
2 store either free of charge or for a fee as determined by the developer.

3 43. Should the developer want to make changes to her application (e.g., adding a
4 new feature) she has to resubmit the modified application and Apple will perform another
5 round of review before the modified version is published on the app store.

6 44. According to Mr. Shoemaker [4][p33,1-3] Apple is conducting dynamic analysis
7 by means of network traffic monitoring (“capturing all of the web traffic that the application
8 sends to the backend server and”) for a subset of the reviewed applications during a so-called
9 *technical investigation*. Additionally, Apple makes use of static analysis techniques during their
10 application review process.

11 *7. Purchasing, installing, and executing apps*

12 45. Once available on the app store, users can purchase applications from the app
13 store. Of course, free applications can be downloaded without payment.

14 46. The user can perform the necessary steps from iTunes and synchronize the
15 downloaded application to her iDevice. Alternatively, the user can download the app directly
16 from the AppStore application on the iDevice itself. Once installation is complete, the user will
17 have a new icon on her device’s screen that allows her to launch the newly installed applica-
18 tion.

19 47. Upon application launch the operating system will start a new process for this
20 application. Referring back to our example of accessing the UDID, the binary code of the ap-
21 plication will call into the UIKit framework to obtain the UDID. The UIKit framework is in-
22 cluded and installed alongside with iOS. Thus, all applications that want to access the UDID
23 access it in the same way. Note that [8] illustrates four possibilities to access the UDID. How-
24 ever, only the above stated method (i.e., `[[UIDevice currentDevice] uniqueIdentifier]` is considered API by that same document).

26 48. Regardless of what method is used to access the UDID, it is always the same
27 persistent unique identifier that will be returned to these function calls.

28 **(1) Accessing sensitive resources**

1 49. Note that access to some security and privacy relevant resources is monitored or
2 restricted during runtime (i.e., while the application is executing). For example, accessing location
3 information as illustrated above will, at runtime, trigger a dialog box where the user is
4 prompted for consent as to whether the current application can access location information.

5 50. Starting with iOS 6 a similar dialog will be shown when an application tries to
6 access address book contents. Prior to iOS 6 however, access to the address book was not me-
7 diated at all. That is, each application could read and write to the address book.

8 51. While such user prompts are a first step towards helping users understand an ap-
9 plication's intentions, the protection provided by such mechanisms are negligible. That is, there
10 is no technical mechanism in place that enforces that data is only used for the stated purpose it
11 was gathered for. This is especially problematic in the light of third-party libraries as we will
12 see later on.

13 ***8. Device identifiers***

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16 58. Strictly speaking the UDID is a device identifier. However, the pervasive use of
17 this identifier makes it a prime candidate to aggregate it with additional privacy sensitive, and
18 personally identifiable information. Thus, once such aggregation is performed, the UDID itself
19 becomes personally identifiable. This view is supported by Mr. Neuenschwander's deposi-
20 tion [3][p88 19 – p89 3] "...and then a developer who, you know, calls the API to get that iden-
21 tifier from iOS and subsequently puts it into – links it to personal details, then the – or at least
22 Apple would consider, then, that because that identifier is linked to the personal details, that
23 that identifier would, in that case or that situation, be – should be treated as personal itself".

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27 60. Similarly, any application can aggregate personal data via the UDID. For exam-
28 ple, it is trivial for a social networking app to correlate the UDID with the social network ac-

1 count and all information associated with that account (e.g., real name, date of birth, etc.). Ap-
2 ple is aware that the Facebook app accesses the UDID along with address book contents [13].
3 “In this case, the app, Facebook, is using both the Address Book apis to access Contacts infor-
4 mation and it is also accessing the UDID for the device”. Of course, an outside observer cannot
5 assess whether Facebook uses the UDID to aggregate data in their system. However, once the
6 UDID is transmitted to their systems nothing is stopping them.

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9 **D. Research results**

10 65. The personal data stored on mobile devices deserves protection from preying
11 third-party applications. Thus, from fall 2009 to summer 2010 I conducted a research project to
12 assess how third-party iOS apps interact with privacy sensitive information available on iOS
13 devices. During that project I implemented the PiOS analysis system [1]. This work was pub-
14 lished at the highly reputable Network and Distributed Systems Security Symposium (NDSS).
15 NDSS implements a rigorous peer review process to determine the papers that are added to the
16 proceedings each year. Moreover, despite the many high quality submissions to NDSS the pro-
17 gram committee decided to award PiOS with a distinguished paper award.

18 66. PiOS performs automated static analysis on iOS applications. To this end, PiOS
19 analyzes a series of apps in sequence. More specifically, PiOS first reconstructs the so-called
20 control-flow-graph for each app. Based on the control-flow graph PiOS then performs static da-
21 ta-flow analysis to determine what privacy sensitive information is accessed by an application
22 and whether that information is sent to the Internet.

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25 3 http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/#documentation/AdSupport/Reference/ASIdentifierManager.html#/apple_ref/occ/instp/ASIdentifierManager/advertisingIdentifier
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1 67. PiOS tracks the use of several pieces of privacy sensitive information, such as
2 the unique device identifier (UDID), location information, address book contents, or browsing
3 history.

4 68. PiOS was evaluated on a set of 1,407 free iOS apps. 825 apps were downloaded
5 from the Apple app store, and an additional 582 applications were obtained from the alternative
6 Cydia repository.

7 ***1. Advertising and statistics libraries***

8 69. App developers frequently add advertising capabilities to their applications.
9 Showing advertisements to the user, creates a stream of revenue for the developer. Similarly,
10 developers often make use of statistics or metrics providers that collect detailed usage statistics
11 of applications.

12 70. Both these techniques are implemented by the same mechanism. That is, the
13 service provides the developer with a binary library. Furthermore, the developer receives the
14 corresponding header-files and API documentation to make use of this library. Recall that as
15 discussed in Section C.1 the header files containing the function declarations are sufficient for
16 the developer to make use of the functionality implemented in the binary only library. The de-
17 veloper then writes code that uses the provided API and statically links the library into her ap-
18 plication.

19 71. However, beyond the description of the library the developer has no way of as-
20 sessing what functionality is included in this binary only library. Furthermore, by linking the li-
21 brary into the application these two originally different pieces (i.e., the developers app and the
22 additional library) become a single entity. Therefore, for all intents and purposes, the func-
23 tionality in the library is now part of the application.

24 72. This is an unacceptable situation for privacy conscious users. A user that grants
25 location access to a location-aware application, such as a nearby restaurant finder, implicitly
26 grants the whole application access to the location data. With the above mentioned equality of
27 developer authored code and library code, this means that all libraries that are linked into such
28 an application also have unfettered access to the device's location.

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7 74. Furthermore, Apple is aware that marketers and advertisers harvest sensitive us-
8 er data.

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13 2. *PiOS results*

14 76. When evaluating PiOS I observed that 772 applications (i.e., 55%) include at
15 least one of ten popular advertising or statistics libraries. The most prevalent advertising library
16 was Google's AdMob library present in 538 applications, thus covering 38% of the analyzed
17 applications. On each request for a new advertisement, AdMob transmitted the UDID to their
18 back-end servers. Additionally, if the user granted the application access to location, AdMob
19 also transmits geo-location information in these requests. Furthermore, these requests contain a
20 series of values identifying the developer along with other pieces of information. The developer
21 information is necessary at least for billing purposes. The other mentioned libraries showed
22 similar functionality.

23 77. Note that an application can have a legitimate use for location information (e.g.,
24 a nearby restaurant finder). Because developer code is not distinguished from library code, the
25 granted permission automatically extends to the library as well.

26 78. Until recently, the location permission dialog was generic for all applications.
27 Thus, it was impossible for the user to infer from this dialog for what purpose an application
28 needs location information. While it intuitively makes sense that an application such as a near-

1 by restaurant finder needs access to location information, the user was left in the dark about all
2 principals (i.e., the application and all included libraries) she's granting access to.

3 79. Furthermore, because the UDID is persistent for the lifetime of the device and
4 transmitted to these external parties, advertisers and statistics providers can aggregate detailed
5 usage profiles of the devices associated to these UDIDs. Because the UDID is the same for all
6 applications on a device, these external parties gather that data from all applications that in-
7 clude their libraries.

8 80. The fact that these libraries repeatedly transmit this privacy sensitive data to
9 their servers is unfortunate at best. However, also the code authored by developers accesses and
10 transmits privacy sensitive information. More precisely, 21% of the app store apps (e.g., Bi-
11 bleStories or LoanCalculator) transmit the UDID. Furthermore, 4% of the app store apps were
12 found to transmit location data. Additionally, PiOS identified applications that read and trans-
13 mit the user's address book in its entirety.

14 81. Of course, I reported these findings directly to Apple. Unfortunately, however, I
15 was told that Apple is not in charge of privacy issues. Instead I was advised to discuss privacy
16 concerns with the app developer directly.

17 82. Note that the analysis performed by PiOS is in many aspects conservative. Thus,
18 the numbers reported here are lower bounds as PiOS might not have detected all uses of priva-
19 cy sensitive data.

20 **E. Resource consumption**

21 83. The practices outlined above have serious impact on user privacy. Moreover,
22 these practices and techniques consume resources on iDevices.

23 **(1) Energy consumption**

24 84. Receiving, processing, and transmitting information of any kind in a mobile de-
25 vice consumes energy. Furthermore, mobile devices are powered by batteries that can only
26 store finite amounts of electric energy.

1 85. Apple's iDevices are no exception to this rule. Activities, such as Internet
2 browsing, making phone calls, or navigation rely on the iDevices processing, receiving, or
3 transmission capabilities.

4 86. Thus, the more these activities are performed, the faster the battery is drained
5 and the user has to recharge the device's battery. This is especially true for the resource inten-
6 sive GPS receiver.

7 87. Unfortunately, the maximum capacity a rechargeable battery can hold decreases
8 over time. That is, each time the battery is recharged, the capacity decreases. The maximum
9 capacity of a mobile device battery directly translates to the usefulness of that device. Clearly, a
10 mobile device whose battery cannot hold its charge for more than an hour is of limited use to its
11 user. Therefore, a user may wish to exchange the device's battery once the battery's capacity
12 has fallen under a limit the user would deem acceptable.

13 88. Unfortunately, a regular user cannot replace the batteries contained in iDevices.
14 Instead, Apple offers a battery replacement service at US\$ 79 plus shipping ⁴. Thus, by con-
15 serving energy, the user can extend the time until she has to recharge the device again, there-
16 fore prolongating the life of the battery.

17 89. To this end, Apple provides usage tips to increase the battery life in iPhones ⁵.
18 These usage tips include recommendations to only use location services when needed, and min-
19 imizing data transmissions to fetch emails or support push notifications.

20 90. The completion of a single task can involve multiple components of an iDevice.
21 Thus, all these components might require their share of energy to contribute to the completion
22 of that task.

23 91. For example, a location aware application that embeds advertisements would in-
24 volve at least the following subsystems on an iDevice. Initially, the code responsible for fetch-

26 ⁴ [http://support.apple.com/kb/index?
27 page=servicefaq&geo=United_States&product=iphone](http://support.apple.com/kb/index?page=servicefaq&geo=United_States&product=iphone)

28 ⁵ <http://www.apple.com/batteries/iphone.html>

1 ing an advertisement from the ad provider is executed on the device’s CPU. This code will use
2 the APIs provided by the CoreLocation framework to determine the current location. If neces-
3 sary, CoreLocation will interact with the operating system to power up the GPS subsystem to
4 obtain that information. Once the position is known to CoreLocation it will be reported back to
5 the application. Subsequently, this information is transmitted to the ad provider in a network
6 request (commonly this is done via HTTP). This request can be sent via WiFi or the mobile da-
7 ta network depending on how the device is connected to the Internet. The ad provider will
8 chose an ad that should be displayed to the user, and sends that information as response to the
9 request. The application will interpret the response and render the corresponding advertisement
10 on the screen. For this simple use-case at least four different components consumed energy
11 from the battery. The CPU, the GPS subsystem, the WiFi subsystem, and the Screen.

(2) Storage

13 92. Apple maintains a *crowd-sourced* database that stores location information per-
14 taining to WiFi access points and cell towers. This data is used to provide AGPS (assisted GPS)
15 services. The main advantage of AGPS over regular GPS is that auxiliary coarse-grained loca-
16 tion information is used to reduce the *time to first fix* for the GPS receiver.

17 93. On iDevices this auxiliary information is retrieved from the crowd-sourced da-
18 tabase maintained on Apple's servers. Therefore, as the iDevice knows its approximate location
19 already, the time to obtain a fix on the GPS satellites is reduced.

20 94. This database is populated with location information submitted by the millions
21 of iDevices whose location services are enabled. During regular use, an iDevice caches location
22 information of nearby WiFi access points and cell towers in a local SQLite database stored in
23 the file consolidated.db or in more recent iOS versions cache.db. More specifically, the collect-
24 ed information is stored in a database table called locationharvest. The iDevice will then upload
25 harvested location information to the Apple servers.

26 95. The data stored in the database table reduces the storage capacity of the iDevice.
27 Thus, reducing the amount of storage the user can make use of for her own intended purposes.
28 Of course, transmitting this data also consumes energy.

1 96. Additionally, Apple used to back up plain-text (i.e., not-encrypted) copies of this
2 file when backing up an iDevice to the user's Computer. The backup would only be encrypted
3 if the user explicitly chose this non-default setting.

4 **(3) Mobile Data**

5 97. iPhone users commonly have a data plan with their cell-phone provider. Any da-
6 ta that is transmitted consumes bandwidth. Unfortunately, unless the carrier has exceptions in
7 place, all data transmissions count towards the monthly data allowance.

8 **F. Other information**

9 98. My opinion as expressed within this document is based on my extensive re-
10 search on mobile systems. Furthermore, I considered the following in forming my opinion:

- 11 • Documents listed in the concluding Endnotes section G.
- 12 • Transcripts of the depositions of Mr. Phillip Shoemaker, Mr. Ronald Huang,
13 Mr. Erik Neuenschwander, and Mr. Guy "Bud" Tribble.
- 14 • Plaintiffs' Third Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint (Document
15 No. 104) and Defendant Apple, Inc.'s Answer (Document No. 113).
- 16 • Plaintiffs' Dec. 7, 2012 Disclosure Of Expert Witness Regarding Class Cer-
17 tification.
- 18 • Documents produced by Apple in this case.

19 99. My compensation to be paid for my study and testimony in this case is US\$ 400
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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that
2 the foregoing is true and correct.

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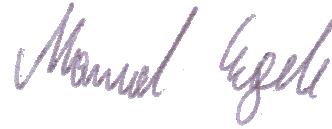
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Visiting Researcher at Ecole d'Ingénieurs & Centre de Recherche, Eurécom, Sophia Antipolis, France, *working with Professors Engin Kirda and Davide Balzarotti*

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2. The State of Mobile Security, *9th Conference on Conference on Detection of Intrusions and Malware and Vulnerability Assessment (DIMVA)*, July 2012
3. On the Importance of Detecting Compromised Accounts on Social Networks, *23rd annual Communications and Digital Signal Processing (CDSP) Research Workshop*, April 2012

6 Awards

1. Distinguished paper award for *PiOS: Detecting Privacy Leaks in iOS Applications at Network and Distributed System Security Symposium, NDSS 2011*
2. Student travel grant to attend *Usenix Security Symposium, 2010*
3. Student travel grant to attend *AsiaCCS, 2010*

7 Professional Activities

Program Committee Memberships

1. USENIX Workshop on Offensive Technologies (WOOT), 2013
2. Conference on Detection of Intrusions and Malware and Vulnerability Assessment (DIMVA), 2012, 2013
3. ASE/IEEE International Conference on Cyber Security, 2012
4. USENIX Workshop on Large-Scale Exploits and Emergent Threats (LEET), 2012

External Reviewer

5. IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, 2010, 2012, 2013
6. ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security, 2010, 2012
7. International Symposium on Recent Advances in Intrusion Detection, 2011
8. Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS), 2010
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10. International Workshop on Software Engineering for Secure Systems (SESS), 2009

Journal Reviewer

11. ACM Computing Surveys
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9 Consulting

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